GOUTY, BILIOUS,

AND

NERVOUS CASES,

With the SAFE and EASY MEANS by which they were remedied;

Related by the PATIENTS themſelves, and publiſhed at their deſire,

IN SUNDRY LETTERS

TO

JOHN SCOT, M. D.

Author of An ENQUIRY into the ORIGIN of the GOUT, wherein its various Symptoms and Appearances, together with thoſe of all Nervous and Bilious diſorders, are traced to their Cauſe, and a ſafe and certain Mode of remedying them propoſed.

Nec, quia deſperes invicti membra Glyconis,
Nodoſâ corpus nolis prohibere chiragrâ?
Eſt quodum prodire tenus, ſi non datur ultra.

HORTII, Epiſt.

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As no general directions nor any fixed mode of uſing the ſame medicine, will ſuit every caſe of the ſame diſorder and all conſtitutions; thoſe who wiſh to have the directions and the medicine particularly ſuited to their caſe, may conſult the Author at his houſe, perſonally, or by letter; he is at home every day until noon, and generally in the evening after ſix. He is fee'd in the manner of other phyſicians, and on that footing attends patients, at their own houſes.

To the PUBLIC.

IN the directions for uſing the Pills, I have cautioned the Patient, when under their immediate operation, to guard againſt cold; eſpecially to avoid a current of cold air, from doors, windows, &c. This caution has occaſioned many perſons to ſuſpect, and many more, with no friendly intention, to aſſert, that the Medicine is, in ſome ſhape or another, a Mercurial; on which account, I beg leave to offer to the Public, the following obſervations,

In the adminiſtering of Mercury, the above caution is quite unneceſſary; for it is notorious, that thouſands of both ſexes, in this city, are daily taking Mercury, from the moſt minute proportion, up to the copious doſes requſite to produce a partial ſalivation, without confining themſelves in the leaſt, and even whilſt they are purſuing occupations, which oblige them to be continually expoſed to the open air, in the ſevereſt weather, without being ſenſible of any inconveniency from it. The Powers of Mercury are too Herculean, to be checked by ſuch circumſtances.

Inſtead of being a remedy for the Gout, Mercury ſeldom fails to bring on a ſevere fit, whenever exhibited to a Gouty perſon. If the Mercury happens to take a turn to the mouth, and in ſome conſtitutions

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conſtitutions a very few grains will produce a Salivation, it carries the Gouty attack along with it to the throat, face, and head, producing, as I have often ſeen, the moſt frightful ſymptoms.

The Medicine I uſe is ſo far from poſſeſſing the violent uncontrolable power peculiar to Mercury, that its efforts require to be aſſiſted and encouraged by both internal and external regimen. In fact, the medicine is merely an *antiſpaſmodic*, and when taken at night, acts as an opiate, in procuring ſound ſleep; it performs its office, by removing the ſpaſm, which, in a great meaſure, ſhuts up the minute veſſels internally and externally, of all gouty, bilious, and nervous patients. When the ſpaſm is removed from the biliary veſſels, the ſtagnated bile being let looſe, runs off by the bowels in frequent hot and griping ſtools, or in thick urine by the kidnies; and the ſpaſm being removed from the minute veſſels in the extremities, and on the ſurface of the ſkin, a warm circulation takes place in the hands and feet, which before were generally cold; and the ſkin, which was hard and dry before, becomes ſoft and moiſt; and finally the inſenſible perſpiration, ſo eſſential to health, and which, in truth, is nothing elſe but the happy conſequence of a complete circulation, terminating at the pores of the ſkin, is gradually reſtored; but this deſirable event is greatly retarded and checked, by expoſing the ſurface of the ſkin to a current of cold air, or to the viciſſitudes of this inconſtant climate.

From

From J. GELL, Esq. Captain in his Majesty's Navy.

Dear Doctor,

AS I am very soon going down to my ship, shall be obliged to you for a fresh supply of your pills, as they always carry off the fit, and in my case answer the intent; from the experience of three years never once found myself deceived. Whenever any symptoms appear of the Gout, five or six of the Pills have generally carried off the gouty matter, and never found myself out of health, since I took them.

I am, dear Doctor, &c.

Your most humble servant,

London, June 30, 1780. J. GELL.

From Mr. WATERHOUSE, *Cumberland-House.*

SIR,

AFTER having been much afflicted with the headach, and a sickness every morning, and frequently at other times of the day, particularly if I had walked too fast; these complaints continued on me about the space of two months, at the conclusion of which period, I was attacked with a fit of the Gout in my foot, which lasted about twenty hours, and then a swelling came on; the day after, my friend Mr. Shaw called on me, whose family have many of them been (to my knowledge) martyrs to the Gout, and he himself afflicted with it in the most violent degree; he told me of your pills, whose effects had relieved, when no other medicine had, though he had been under the care of the most eminent phy-

ſicians; he likewiſe referred me to another acquaintance, who had experienced their ſalutary effects. In conſequence of this information, I wiſhed to try them myſelf; I took your pills, and found they had the effects my friend told me they would have; and in three or four days I was quite relieved: but the moſt extraordinary thing was, they had no effect on me, after the fit was quite gone; but being of a relaxed habit of body, I was ſubject to catch cold, which brought on the ſame Complaint, but on taking your pills again have been immediately relieved, therefore think it a duty incumbent on me to expreſs my obligations to you for ſo valuable a relief as they procured me, who am,

Your very humble ſervant,

London, June 28, 1780. W. WATERHOUSE.

From Mr. WILLIAM NAPIER, *Muſic-ſeller, Strand.*

SIR,

I Had been ſome years ſubject to the periodical attacks of a regular Gout, the fits of which ſometimes confined me for ſix weeks at a time, and each fit left me much weakened, and ſeemed to make very alarming alterations in my conſtitution. I firſt took your Pills in the very commencement of a fit that ſeemed to threaten a ſevere confinement; but they diſcharged all the gouty matter in three days, and on the fourth day I found myſelf perfectly well; ſince that period, whenever I feel a threatening fit, I take a pill or two, which never fails to carry off every ſymptom of it. I therefore have taken every opportunity to recommend them to all

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my acquaintances, and hope for the good of thoſe that are troubled with this dreadful diſorder, that you may meet with the ſucceſs they deſerve,

I am, Sir,

Your much obliged ſervant,

London, June 18, 1780. WILL. NAPIER.

From Mr. ROBERT SHAW, *Hoſier, Strand.*

SIR,

MY Father was very much afflicted with the Gout, and my brother died of an irregular Gout at York, at the age of forty-ſix; it is five years this month ſince I was ſeized ſuddenly with a moſt excruciating pain under the ſhort ribs of my right ſide; it was ſomewhat relieved by a glaſs of brandy, but ſoon returned with redoubled violence, extending like a cramp or ſpaſm all over my arms, ſhoulders and neck, ſo that I was unable to move even a finger without ſuffering the moſt dreadful agonies, as if the nerves and ſinews all over the parts afflicted were actually under immediate laceration; by direction of a Phyſician of eminence I was blooded, which did not much relieve me; but ſome warm cordials, ordered afterwards by the ſame Phyſician, made me perſpire a little, and at the end of twenty-four hours the pain abated; ſome ſmart purges which I took increaſed the relief; but for three days complete I was unable to leave my bed; and after all, the diſeaſe only ſeemed to change its ſtation, and fix in the ſtomach, neck and breaſt, extending as far as the ſhoulders; I was in danger of being choaked

with wind; and an extraordinary ſwelling in all my veins, and ſenſe of ſtrangulation every half hour about my throat, together with ſo acute a pain extending acroſs my breaſt from one ſhoulder to the other, that I remained fixed and rivetted in whatever ſpot I happened to be at the time I was ſeized; and three or four times in every night was obliged to jump out of bed, leſt I ſhould be ſtrangled, and to ſtand ſtock ſtill for a conſiderable time unable to move; for the leaſt motion exaſperated the force of the lacerating ſpaſm that ſeemed to tear to pieces every thing upon my breaſt, arms, and neck. In the courſe of four years, I conſulted ſeveral of the moſt eminent Phyſicians in London, and took a variety of other advice and abundance of medicines, but without any material abatement of my complaints, which were ſo much increaſed by eating or faſting, that for two hours after breakfaſt, and two hours before ſupper, I was in exceeding great diſtreſs. A little, however, before Chriſtmas, 1778, being ſeized with a pain in my great toe, all my uſual complaints vaniſhed, and whilſt my toe continued ſwelled and inflamed, I enjoyed a perfect reſpite from all the other pains; but all the former diſtreſſing ſymptoms returned as ſoon as the pain and ſwelling left my toe. In which unhappy ſtate I was when you took me under your care, almoſt unable to execute the duties of my profeſſion; every hour, in every place, eſpecially in the ſtreet, if I attempted to walk in cold weather, I was liable to be bound down by ſuch ſpaſms and ſtrangulations, that inſtantly deprived me of the power of moving in any way, and I expected nothing but immediate ſuffocation. After taking your Pills a few days, I found great relief, and I continued to take them according to your directions until they ceaſed to operate, and I was free from my diſtreſs; and when at any time,

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a ſudden change of weather, an accidental cold, or ſome other cauſe, brings back my diſorder in any degree, three or four of your Pills never fail to carry it off. This teſtimony of the efficacy of your remedy, I think myſelf obliged to give for the benefit of others, and in gratitude to you for that degree of health I at preſent enjoy.

ROBERT SHAW.

From the Right Honorable Lord *William Seymour*.

BELIEVE me, dear Sir, I rejoice to ſee that you have been prevailed on to advertiſe your moſt Excellent Remedy for the Gout, Bilious and Nervous Complaints; I ſhould think myſelf guilty of the higheſt ingratitude, were I not to acknowledge the great and moſt ſurpriſing benefit I have received from it, at the ſame time requeſting you to make ſuch uſe of this teſtimony of mine, as you ſhall think moſt proper.

I was for many years afflicted with violent pains in my ſtomach, with almoſt a conſtant ſickneſs, eſpecially after my meals; I applied to the Faculty in every part of the country where I chanced to be, but found only a temporary relief from their preſcriptions, and that of a ſhort duration. They all agreed that my complaint was bilious, but none of them hit on a remedy powerful enough to remove it. My diſorder increaſing, I put myſelf under the care of an old acquaintance and friend, a gentleman, whoſe experience and practice, as a Phyſician, juſtly entitles him to be firſt in eſteem and reputation in Bath; I followed his preſcriptions for near three months at home, when he deſired me to come to Bath, and try the waters there; this I did for thirteen weeks, conſtantly drinking the waters and

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following his directions; my diſorder ſtill increaſed, and its dreadful and tedious effects, together with the great quantities of medicine I had taken, had ſo relaxed my nerves that I was ſcarcely able to walk acroſs my room; in this ſituation I left Bath with little hopes of recovery, being told that I muſt no longer depend on the effects of medicine, and that change of air was the only thing left for relief. I had not been long at home before I moſt fortunately met with General Morris, who kindly liſtened to my complaints, and told me that he had once long laboured under the ſame diſorder, had ſeverely felt every ſymptom I complained of, and after conſulting the moſt eminent of the faculty, found no relief till he applied to you, who gave him ſome Pills that in a ſhort time reſtored him to perfect health. The General, who in a few days afterwards went to London, moſt kindly waited on you with a deſcription of my caſe, and I received from you a Box of Pills with your directions how to conduct myſelf; after taking about ſix or ſeven of them I diſcharged great quantities of Bile, my ſpirits and ſtrength increaſed daily, and my ſleep (which I long had been a ſtranger to) was ſound and comfortable; in leſs than a month I was able to ride on horſe-back ten or a dozen miles without fatigue, my appetite returned, and my food, which before ſerved only to breed Phlegm, now digeſted, and nouriſhed me; I now enjoy better health than I have for many years, and when I find any return of my complaint, it is leſs violent, and a Pill or two moſt certainly removes it.

I am, dear Sir,

With ſincere reſpect and eſteem,

Your grateful and affectionate humble ſervant,

July 5, 1780. WILLIAM SEYMOUR.

From

From the Honorable Colonel MURRAY.

Dear Sir,

AS I underſtand you are going to diſpoſe of your Pills in a more public manner than you have hitherto done; I think it but juſtly due to their merits, to render my teſtimony of the benefit I have not only myſelf derived from them, but alſo a variety of perſons of all ages both in America and this country, labouring under Gouty, Bilious, and Nervous Complaints, to whom, during the courſe of ſeven years, I have adminiſtered them, and from whom I never failed to receive thanks for the relief I helped them to.

From a ſevere gun-ſhot wound I contracted a bad ſtate of health, accompanied with a variety of diſagreeable ſymptoms, and amongſt others, a frequent and painful acidity in the ſtomach, and a conſtant pain in the ball of the left thumb, attended with ſmall livid ſpots; and this pain was always ſevereſt, when the acidity and other complaints in my ſtomach raged the moſt: for eight years I never was entirely free from theſe diſorders. I conſulted ſeveral eminent Phyſicians, with little advantage, and without obtaining from any of them a ſatisfactory account of the nature of my diſorder, altho' by my own obſervation I was enabled to deſcribe to them an evident affinity between the complaints in my ſtomach, and the pain in the ball of my thumb, becauſe when, according to my cuſtom, I took a couple of table ſpoonfuls of magneſia, which not only deſtroyed the acidity, but produced an immediate evacuation of the contents of my ſtomach, the pain in my thumb became very moderate, and only juſt preceptible.

You may recollect that about ſeven years ago, one morning when you came to breakfaſt with me, you found me extremely ill, and of that worſt kind of illneſs which effects

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the ſpirits, as well as the body; you immediately told me I was loaded with Bile, and that if I was inclined to make the experiment, you would anſwer for it, that in leſs than forty-eight hours I ſhould be perfectly relieved; I accordingly took ſome of your Pills, and they relieved me within the time you mentioned; I continued to take one Pill every night for the ſpace of ten days, and from that period I never had a return of the pain in my thumb. Sometimes in the night by lying on the right ſide, I was formerly and am ſtill ſubject to a pain and an uneaſy ſenſation in the region of the right kidney; this complaint is alſo carried off, as often as it returns, by taking a few of your Pills. Wiſhing you therefore every ſucceſs,

I am, with eſteem, dear Sir,

Your moſt ſincere and obedient ſervant,

London, June 6, 1780. JAMES MURRAY.

P. S. Whenever I find an uneaſineſs in my ſtomach I take one of your Pills for the ſpace of three or four nights and they never fail to remove it.

From Sir WILLIAM MURRAY, Bart.

Dear Sir,

THE Cough and Pain in my breaſt are almoſt gone, but if they recur, I ſhall obſerve your directions, and till they be perfectly gone, I ſhall eat little meat; I muſt beg you will ſend me a Box of Pills once in five Weeks at leaſt; as I cannot think of at any time allowing myſelf entirely to run out of the only medicine which ever gave me real or laſting relief, after having for years tried all that have been preſcribed for me by the ableſt Phyſicians in this country and on the continent; and I cannot come upon this

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ſubject without returning you my hearty thanks for the degree of health I enjoy, and which I had given over hopes of ever attaining, as well from the ill ſucceſs of all other preſcriptions, as from the conviction I had that all but yourſelf had miſtaken my caſe, in not admitting it to be a flying Gout. Believe me,

Dear Sir, your's, ſincerely,

May 14, 1780. W. M.

Major General MORRIS,

WAS ſubject to frequent attacks of a regular Gout in the extremities, which were always preceded by complaints in his ſtomach; ſometimes he had ſymptoms which were deemed Bilious, and ſometimes he was ſeized with the moſt violent ſpaſms and cramps in his ſtomach, having all the appearance of an inflammation of that part; being of an athletic, muſcular make, and of remarkable activity in his profeſſion, the confinement which theſe illneſſes occaſioned, became intolerable to him. About five years ago, he began to take the Pills, has occaſionally taken them according to the printed directions ever ſince, and is at preſent not only freed from every ſymptom of Gout, or Diſorder in his Stomach, but poſſeſſes an uninterrupted ſtate of health in every reſpect.

From Mrs. MACAULAY, *Vauxhall*.

SIR,

I REJOICE much to hear that you are making your valuable Pills public. I am alſo told, that many

of your patients are giving you their Caſes, to publiſh for the good of Mankind. If my teſtimony can be of any ſervice even to one of my ſuffering fellow-creatures, I give it with a hearty good will.

From a ſendentary life and a variety of diſagreeable events, I became ſubject to nervous complaints, and others that by Gentlemen of the Faculty were termed Bilious; the firſt were generally followed by the laſt; that is, after being diſtreſſed with tremor, depreſſion of ſpirits, want of ſleep, &c. theſe ſymptoms terminated in acute pains in the ſtomach and bowels. I applied to Phyſicians of the firſt eminence, and the laſt gentleman that attended me is at this time amongſt the firſt and moſt diſtinguiſhed of the profeſſion in London; but without the leaſt relief. One evening, in an agony of pain, having ſeen them taken by an infant of five years old, I took one of your Pills, which in a quarter of an hour removed my pains, and compoſed all the agitations of my nerves: and the ſame happy effect they have never failed to produce ever ſince, which is now five years. Their operation ſeems to be that of an opiate with me, for they very ſeldom purge, yet at the ſame time I muſt obſerve, that the leaſt particle of opium has at all times the effect of diſcompoſing rather than compoſing my nerves, ſo that I am convinced there is nothing of that drug in the Pills.

I am, Sir,

Your much obliged humble ſervant,

Vauxhall, July 16, 1781. M. M.

From Mr. J. BROOKS, *Clothier*.

SIR,

BEING informed that many of your Patients are ſending you their Caſes, I am happy to have the opportunity

tunity of offering mine, with my requeſt, that it may be made public. I have for ſome years been ſubject to the attacks of a regular Gout, the fits of which confin'd me near ſix weeks at a time, each fit left me much weakened, and the diſeaſe ſeem'd to be making very alarming alterations in my conſtitution. I have taken your Pills in the very commencement of a fit that ſeem'd to threaten a ſevere confinement, and they diſcharged all the Gouty matter in a few days, and I was able to go about my buſineſs as uſual. I therefore have taken every opportunity of recommending them to all my acquaintances, and hope, for the good of thoſe that are troubled with this dreadful diſorder, that your Pills may meet with the ſucceſs they deſerve. I am, Sir, your much obliged humble ſervant,

Melkſham, March 21, 1781. J. BROOKS.

Cumberland-Houſe, Pall-Mall, March 26, 1781.

SIR,

PERMIT me to acknowledge the great benefit I have received from your Pills; and I think it a duty incumbent on me to make the Caſe known for the good of others.

About nine years ago I began to be troubled with the Gout; ſince that, have had many regular fits, which have confin'd me ſometimes longer, ſometimes ſhorter; by the recommendation of a friend, I began to uſe your Pills, ſince which time they have never failed to carry off the firſt ſymptoms of the diſorder, and it has never in the leaſt confin'd me.

From the certain proof of the good effect of your Pills, I ſhall take every opportunity to recommend them.

I am, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant,

WM. GRAY.

H. WILLOUGHBY, Eſq. *Attorney at Law.*

SIR,

I AM told you are going to publiſh another edition of your Patient's Caſes, and I am happy to offer you mine, with my requeſt that it may be made publick. About April laſt, I was ſeized with a violent giddineſs in my head, a loſs of appetite, and an amazing waſte of fleſh, with a total relaxation of my nerves; in this ſtate I was not able to ride a mile from my houſe, and almoſt incapable of tranſacting my buſineſs, which is that of an Attorney—I fortunately heard of the efficacy of your Pills from ſome perſons who had taken them in the neighbourhood, and immediately ſent you a ſtate of my Caſe, requeſting you, that if you thought they would be of ſervice to me you would ſend me a box, which you did. I had not taken them a fortnight, before I found amazing benefit, as my ſtrength began to return, and I was in leſs than three weeks able to ride about and tranſact my buſineſs as uſual. Whenever I have found the leaſt return of my diſorder, which has been but ſeldom, I have had recourſe to your Pills, and found immediate relief. I now enjoy good health, and find myſelf more active than I have been for many years paſt, and am with gratitude,

Your moſt ſincere and obedient ſervant,

Melkſham, Wilts, Feb. 19, 1781. H. WILLOUGHBY.

SIR,

I HAD been long troubled with a violent pain in my ſtomach, and a ſwimming in my head; the ſwimming in my head was ſo very alarming to me that I have been oftentimes under the neceſſity of catching hold of ſomething to ſave me from falling; for theſe complaints I had advice from ſome very eminent medical people, but with-

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out receiving any benefit. Two years ago I was ſeized with the Gout in my great toe, which cauſed my foot and ancle to ſwell very much; and while the Gout continued there, I was entirely free from my former complaints: at this time a friend of mine, who had been afflicted with the Gout, called to ſee me, and adviſed me to take your Pills, and accordingly ſent me a box that day, together with a printed direction how to uſe them; I took one that night going to bed, and after taking four or five more, I was able to walk about my room, and three days afterwards to go abroad as uſual, about my buſineſs; ſince that period, when by catching cold, by ſudden change of weather, or by little irregularities, my old complaints in my ſtomach and head ſeem to threaten to return upon me, a few of your Pills always carry them off, and ſet me perfectly to rights, and I never enjoyed better health than at preſent; and if this teſtimony can be of any uſe to you, you have my free permiſſion to make it publick, and I will myſelf take every opportunity of recommending them to thoſe who ſtand in need of them.

I am, Sir,

Your much obliged humble Servant,

Stafford-Row, near Buckingham-Gate,

March 29, 1781. MALM. MACPHERSON.

From Captain STAWELL.

SIR,

IN the year ſeventy-four, I was attack'd with the Gout; and ſome fits have ſince that been ſo ſevere as to confine me for months, one indeed for ſix. In the intervals between the regular fits, I have been occaſionally plagued with a variety of Complaints in my ſtomach, bowels, and head, all which I ſuppoſed to originate from a flying Gout,

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as they all vaniſhed during a regular Paroxyſm of the Gout. About a year ago, I accidently met with your Treatiſe on this diſorder, and finding your Theſes to correſpond with my complaints exactly, began to take your Pills. They have produced the effect you deſcribe in your book, *one* never failed to clear my ſtomach which was formerly ſo diſtreſſed: nor to ſhake off any attack on my feet, which has been made three or four times during the laſt year.

About three weeks ago, I was ſeized with a regular and violent attack on my foot; by taking two Pills, I was enabled to travel near two hundred miles; but, ſhortly after my arrival in town, I catched cold, and exerciſed too much, and was again laid up. The diſorder having now arrived at a criſis, and being regularly eſtabliſhed in my foot, I had the moſt complete opportunity of trying the virtue of your Pills. The evacuation from even one Pill, has been monſtrous, tho' neither my ſpirits nor ſtrength were ever diminiſhed by it. I continued, however, to take one almoſt every night. The diſcharge ſubſided in proportion as I got ſtrength in my foot, 'till at laſt, the Pill produced little or no effect; then, Sir, I was perfectly cured. This fit has laſted but eight days, was never violent, nor confined me an hour to my bed; and I am convinced, that without the enormous diſcharge, which the Pill produced, I ſhould have ſuffered as ſeverely as formerly, which was as much as man *could* ſuffer.

My caſe may do you as much credit as any you have publiſhed. I beg you may make uſe of it as you think proper, and that you will believe me, Sir,

Your grateful and moſt obedient ſervant,

EUST. STAWELL,

Late Captain in the 44th Regiment.

I forgot

May 2.

I forgot a moſt material information, which is, that through the ſeverity of the Gout, I was obliged to quit the ſervice, having with difficulty done my duty in America, as ſoon as the winter ſeaſon came on; and I was ſo crippled from the ſeverity and length of fits, that I could ſcarcely walk.

From Lieutenant Colonel SHERRIFF—Copy.

Dear Sir,

I Shall, with very great pleaſure, embrace every opportunity to give my teſtimony in favour of the ſafety and efficacy of your Pills: they have been of infinite ſervice to me, having cured me of a Bilious diſorder, with which I had been oppreſs'd for more than twenty years, without receiving any relief worth mentioning, altho' in that time I conſulted Phyſicians of the higheſt reputation; your Pills have removed all my complaints, and you are welcome to make what uſe you pleaſe of this recent proof of their good effects; and

I remain, Sir, your obliged ſervant,

Old Alresford, Hants,
Nov. 24, 1781. WILLIAM SHERRIFF.

From Captain HANDFIELD, of the —— Regiment of Foot.

SIR,

FOR above eight years I ſuffer'd the moſt painful and diſtracting ſymptoms of a flying unformed Gout, which attacked my head, breaſt, neck and every part of my

my body in ſucceſſion; and when fix'd in my head, which was frequently the caſe for months together, I not only endured the ſevereſt torture, but was deprived of memory, judgement and ſleep. It is impoſſible for me to enumerate all that was ineffectually preſcribed, and all the means I in vain uſed to obtain relief. I had long deſpaired, when I was perſuaded by Colonel Sherriff, to try your Pills, which, in a very ſhort time, to my unſpeakable happineſs, and the aſtoniſhment of all my friends and acquaintance, removed every complaint: ſome imprudences having again occaſion'd a relapſe, I have a ſecond time been ſo much relieved by your remedy, that I have not a doubt but it will complete the cure as ſoon as this unkindly weather is over. You may uſe this teſtimony as you pleaſe, to encourage others to try the medicine, by which I have been ſo ſingularly benefited.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

Guildford, Dec. 4, 1781. E. HANDFIELD.

From Miſs C. MITFORD.

SIR,

HAVING long been troubled with a variety of Bilious and Nervous Complaints, of a very diſtreſſing, ſingular, and alarming nature; and having, without the leaſt benefit, uſed great abundance of medicines and other means recommended by Phyſicians of the higheſt character, I was reduced ſo low that, not without reaſon, my recovery was deſpair'd of by all my acquaintance. But I am happy to tell you, that your Pills have been of infinite ſervice to me, and that I have now hardly any ſymptoms remaining of my former diſorders.

I ever remain, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant,

Guildford, Nov. 21, 1781. C. MITFORD.

From

From the Right Honorable Lady AUGUSTA MURRAY.

SIR,

I AM happy on every occaſion to acknowledge the benefit I have received from your advice. I ſhall be extremely ſo, if by ſuch my acknowledgements I can be of any ſervice to you. After having been for two years much afflicted with Billious and Nervous diſorders, and having tried the preſcriptions of other Phyſicians, and a foreign climate, without obtaining any relief, I was, in the courſe of a few weeks, reſtored to health, by the uſe of your medicines, to which I always have recourſe when any ſymptoms of the above diſorders threaten me.

I am, Sir, your humble ſervant,

Ochtertyre, Nov. 26, 1781. AU. MURRAY.

From MICHAEL BRUCE, Eſq. Son of Sir MICHAEL BRUCE, Bart.

SIR,

FOR many years I was afflicted with complaints which, by the Phyſicians I conſulted were ſometimes term'd Bilious, ſometimes Nervous, and ſometimes thought to proceed from an irregular Gout; my chief diſtreſs aroſe from a depreſſion of ſpirits, without almoſt any reſpite, and which, together with a conſtant watchfulneſs hardly ever being able to ſleep, render'd life a burden to me; in this way you found me; I took your Pills, and in the courſe of three weeks I had not a ſymptom of all my former illneſs. What is very remarkable, the Pills, operated like an opiate, procuring me the very firſt night I took them, ſound and refreſhing ſleep.

I ever remain, Sir, your obedient ſervant,

MICHAEL BRUCE.

From Mr. CROOK, *Coach-maker, Queen-Street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*

SIR,

FOR many years I have been ſubject to a Rheumatic Gout, which gradually increaſed in the ſeverity and length of its attacks; inſomuch that laſt year I was not a ſingle day free from it, and ſix months of that time I was confined to my bed; in the courſe of this ſevere illneſs I was attended by gentlemen of the faculty, and took an infinite quantity of druggs, but without being ſenſible that I was benefited by any thing that was done for me; In June laſt I was again ſeized with my cruel diſorder, and had been confined ſeveral days, when a gentleman of rank and faſhion, for whom I was doing ſome buſineſs, with great marks of friendſhip adviſed me to ſend for you; I did ſo, and by following your advice in point of diet, and taking one of your Pills every night, I was able to go out to my buſineſs in the courſe of eighteen or twenty days; and from the firſt the Pills gave me infinite relief, by abating my pains, and procuring me ſome refreſhing ſleep every night. You are welcome to add this caſe of mine to thoſe you have already printed, that thoſe who may be ſuffering in the ſame unhappy way, may know where to find relief.

I ever remain, Sir,

Your moſt obedient,

And obliged humble ſervant,

October 1, 1782. THOMAS CROOK.

From

From WILLIAM MASTERMAN, Eſq. M. P. &c. &c.

SIR,

I HAD your favor on my return from an excurſion weſt of this place; my thanks are due for your kind enquiries after my health; I attribute my recovery entirely to the medicine you adminiſtred to me, and the regimen you recommended, which I have hitherto punctually adhered to; my ſtrength is greatly reſtored to me, tho' I do not grow much in fleſh.

I have taken but two of the Pills at different times ſince I have been here, diſcovering ſome ſymptoms like thoſe you pointed to, and in that caſe recommended them to be repeated; they had the moſt perfect effect, and left me with the ſame advantages I had before experienced. Many who had been witneſſes of my recovery, and who laboured under comp'aints like what mine were, have had the uſe of the Pills no longer neceſſary to me; and others have, I believe, procured them from you in London; the accounts I have are very flattering, and I make no doubt as thoſe benefits are more generally known and experienced, you will receive a ſuitable reward for the merits of your moſt valuable medicine. If my name can, in your opinion, be ſerviceable, you are at liberty to uſe it.

I am, Sir,

Your very faithful and

obedient humble ſervant,

Trinity, October 1, 1782. W. MASTERMAN.

Mr. Maſterman's caſe was a gouty conſumption, conſtant cough, and ſpitting of blood, total want of appetite, and of ſleep, which in the courſe of two years had brought him very low indeed—he was cured in ſix weeks by the diet and pills, and continues in perfect health.

From

From the Rev. Mr. JOHN HARRISON, Rector of *Bighton* in *Hants.*

SIR,

AS I learn by a particular friend of yours, that you have another edition of your gouty and bilous caſes in the preſs, I think myſelf bound in juſtice to yourſelf, as well as humanity to the afflicted part of the public, to give you a particular account of the very ſingular ſucceſs with which your Pills have been attended in my own family.—The caſe alluded to, is ſimply this: An old lady, about ſeventy years of age, (mother of my wife) who for thirteen years paſt has been ſo cruelly tormented with the gout, as to be frequently confined (particularly for the laſt five or ſix years) for two months at a time to her chamber and bed. After a very ſlow recovery from a moſt ſevere fit, which had confined her to her room for nine weeks in the ſpring of 1781, finding, about the month of October following, the alarming ſymptoms of a freſh attack, I adviſed her to make an immediate trial of your Pills, of which I had ſeen ſuch happy effects in a worthy neighbour of mine.—Her left hand at this time was rapidly ſwelling on the back part, and by the next morning had got nearly to the bend of the elbow. In this ſituation, (after much perſuaſion) ſhe conſented to take one of your Pills: a moſt painful night on that, and the two following, ſucceeded the inflammation as uſual, but not the leaſt advance farther towards the elbow, either of the ſwelling or inflammation; tho', on moſt former occaſions, the ſame period of time had, generally ſpeaking, confined her to her bed. The only perceptible effect the Pills had, was that of promoting a gentle perſpiration,

tion in the feet, when to the great ſurprize of herſelf (as well as the whole family) after taking only nine Pills, the fit, which wore at firſt ſo threatening an aſpect, entirely diſappeared, ſhe recovered in a few days the uſe of her hand, and what is ſtill more extraordinary, tho' before almoſt incapacitated from walking even on the ſoft turf of a garden walk, ſhe has ſo far recovered ſtrength, from the intire abſence of the gout, ever ſince the taking of your pills, as to be able to walk with eaſe to herſelf on ſmooth ground almoſt every day when the weather permits. I ſhould have mentioned, that the gouty ſwellings in the joints of the fingers, &c. are greatly reduced, and the thumb of the right hand, which had been nearly rigid for ſome years, is become ſo far pliable, as to be now uſed with eaſe. Such, Sir, are the truly wonderful effects of your invaluable pills, as falling under my own particular notice and obſervation. You would have had a much earlier acknowledgement of their happy effects, had I not choſe to have waited the reſult of one clear year, in order to obviate the objection, which might otherwiſe have been made reſpecting the reiterated force of the next attack. As yet we have had no ſymptoms of a return, and when ever it happens ſhall have recourſe with confidence to your pills. If you think the above plain account of a real matter of fact, can be of any uſe in recommending them to the attention of the afflicted, you have my permiſſion to add this to the reſt of your patients caſes. I have only to add my beſt wiſhes, that

your excellent pills may meet with the general ſucceſs they ſo juſtly merit, and ſubſcribe myſelf with great reſpect, Sir,

Your (unknown) humble ſervant,
JOHN HARRISON,
Rector of *Bighton* in *Hants.*

Bighton, near Alresford,
Nov. 5, 1782.

The two following liſts, will enable Patients themſelves to form a pretty juſt idea of the nature of their complaints.

The firſt liſt contains the ſymptoms which ariſe from a diſordered ſtate of the nerves, but not Gouty.

The ſecond is a Catalogue of the ſymptoms which are occaſioned by an unformed, or irregular Gout.

" I Shall not pretend to exhibit a complete " liſt of all the morbid ſymptoms which have " commonly been reckoned of the nervous, hy- " pochondriac, or hyſteric kind, but ſhall content " myſelf with mentioning the following, as being " the moſt common and remarkable; wind in " the ſtomach and inteſtines, heart-burning, ſour " belchings, ſqueamiſhneſs, and vomiting of wa- " tery ſtuff; tough phlegm, or a black liquor like " the grounds of coffee; want of appetite and un- " common craving for food, and indigeſtion or " debility; faintneſs and ſenſe of great emptineſs " about the ſtomach when hungry; a ſtrong de- " ſire for rare and uncommon ſorts of food, or " for things that can afford no nouriſhment; a " viſible ſwelling or inflation of the ſtomach, eſpe- " cially after eating; ſometimes with cramps in

" that viſcus; an oppreſſion about the præcordia;
" an uneaſy though not painful ſenſation about
" the ſtomach, attended with low ſpirits, anxiety,
" and ſometimes great timidity; ſtrong pulſa-
" tions within the belly; ſpaſms in the bowels
" and diſtenſions of ſeveral portions of them; vio-
" lent colic pains; a rumbling noiſe from wind
" paſſing through the inteſtines; the body ſome-
" times too lax, oftner bound; pains in the back
" and belly, reſembling thoſe of the nephiritic
" kind; a ſenſe of irritation and heat in the neck
" of the bladder and urethra, with a frequent de-
" ſire to make water; a great diſcharge of limpid
" urine, at other times a frequent ſpitting. Sud-
" den fluſhes of heat over the whole body; ſhiver-
" ings, a ſenſe of cold in certain parts, as if water
" was poured on them; at others times an unuſual
" glow; flying pains in the arms and limbs; a
" troubleſome pain in the back and between the
" ſhoulders; pains, attended with hot ſenſation,
" ſhifting often from the ſides or back to the in-
" terior parts of the abdomen; cramps, or con-
" vulſive motions of the muſcles, or of a few of
" their fibres; ſudden ſtartings of the legs and
" arms; almoſt conſtant involuntary motions of
" the muſcles of the neck and head, or arms and
" legs; a general convulſion, affecting at once the
" ſtomach, bowels, throat, legs, arms, and indeed
" almoſt the whole members of the body, in

" which

" which the patient ſtruggles as in a violent epilep-
" tic fit; long faintings, in ſome caſes following
" one another after ſhort intervals; palpitations
" or trembling of the heart; the pulſe very va-
" riable, frequently natural; ſometimes uncom-
" monly ſlow, at other times quick; oftener ſmall
" than full, and on certain occaſions, irregular
" and intermitting; a dry cough, with difficulty
" of breathing, with a conſtriction of the lungs,
" ſometimes returning periodically; yawning, the
" hiccup, frequent ſighings, and a ſenſe of ſuffoca-
" tion as if from a ball or lump in the throat; fits
" of crying and convulſive laughing; although
" in the day time the patients are more generally
" pretty cool, and the pulſe ſometimes ſlower
" than natural, yet in the night, eſpecially in
" time of ſleep, hot flushings often ſpread over
" the whole body; the pulſe becomes quicker
" and ſtronger, and a faintneſs or ſome degree of
" ſickneſs at the ſtomach is felt.

" A giddineſs, eſpecially after riſing up haſtily;
" pains in the head ſometimes returning periodi-
" cally; a violent pain in a ſmall part of the head,
" not larger than a ſhilling, as if a nail was driven
" into it; ſinging in the ears; a dimneſs of ſight
" and appearance of a thick miſt, without any
" viſible fault of the eyes. Objects are ſometimes

" ſeen

" ſeen double, and unuſual ſmells are perceived;
" obſtinate watchings, attended ſometimes with
" uneaſineſs which is not to be deſcribed, but
" which is leſſened by getting out of bed; diſ-
" turbed ſleep; frightful dreams; the night-
" mare; ſometimes a drowſineſs and too great
" inclination to ſleep; fear, peeviſhneſs, ſadneſs,
" deſpair; at other times high-ſpirits; wander-
" ing thoughts, impaired memory, ridiculous
" fancies; ſtrange perſuaſions of their labouring
" under diſeaſes of which they are quite free, and
" imagining their complaints to be as dangerous
" as they find them troubleſome; they are often
" angry with thoſe who would convince them of
" their miſtake.

" Patients, after having been long afflicted with
" many of theſe ſymptoms (for all of them never
" happened to any one perſon) ſometimes fall into
" melancholly, madneſs, the black jaundice, a
" dropſy, tympany, conſumption, palſy, apo-
" plexy, or ſome other fatal diſtemper."

An accurate detail of the ſymptoms imputed to irregular and wandering Gout.

" This morbid cauſe in the blood, inſtead of " being depoſited on the aponeuroſes, tendons, " ligaments and membranes of the feet, hands " or other joints, falls upon different parts of the " body, and produces ſymptoms almoſt as diffe- " rent as are the parts which it attacks; ſuch for " inſtance are flying pains, ſpaſmodic contractions, " and ſudden ſenſations of heat and cold, in the " muſcles and exterior parts of the body. A want " of appetite and too great craving and faintneſs; " a nauſea or vomiting, flatulent ſwellings, rum- " bling in the bowels, watching, low ſpirits, " cramps, convulſions, and violent pains in the " ſtomach and bowels An increaſed ſecretion of " ſaliva, from an irritation of the veſſels of the ſali- " vary glands; a ball of wind in the throat; a ſpaſ- " modic aſthma in the lungs; palpitations, and " irregular motions in the heart; an exceſſive flow " of pale urine, or ſometimes nephritic pains in " the kidneys; a hemicrania, or pain in one half " of the head; the calvus hyſtericus, or ſhooting " pains in the head. Beſides theſe, I have ſeen " many other ſymptoms occaſioned by an imper- " fect or an irregular Gout; ſuch as a delirium " or mania; an inflammation in one of the tonſils

" of

" of the throat; a troubleſome dyſuria, or frequent
" deſire to make water; a violent itching be-
" tween the toes; a ſevere pain about the carti-
" lago enſiformis, or breaſt bone, returning twice
" or thrice a day, eſpecially upon any ſtrong af-
" fection of the mind, or effort of the body, and
" ſometimes attended with a painful ſenſation in
" the middle of each arm; a ſenſe of burning
" heat over the ſurface of the body, except the
" legs, while in the mean time the ſkin was
" ſcarcely ſenſibly hotter then in a ſtate of health,
" and the pulſe was under eighty in a minute. In
" one patient I met with a ſlight, but frequent re-
" turning gonorrhæa, from a Gouty humour fall-
" ing in the veſſels of the urethra; and in another,
" an uneaſy itching of the ſcrotum. I have ſeen
" three caſes of a ſharp pain in the teſticles, from
" the ſame cauſe. In one of theſe there was a
" conſiderable ſwelling along with the pain, both
" which went off upon the Gout coming into
" both the feet.

" All this is confirmed by obſerving, that
" perſons, who have been but little troubled be-
" fore with thoſe ſymptoms, commonly called
" nervous, upon the rheumatic, or rather gouty
" pains, leaving their feet, hands or loins, have
" been ſeized with an irregular intermitting pulſe,
" giddineſs, faintneſs, difficulty in breathing,

" nauſea,

" nauſea, vomiting, flatulency in the ſtomach and
" bowels, depreſſion of ſpirits, and other ſymp-
" toms of the like kind.

" Such complaints, if the patient has never
" had the Gout, are generally called nervous;
" but if he has been ſubject to the Gout, or has
" gouty relations, they are juſtly imputed to the
" arthritic matter leaving the extremities, and
" fixing on the head, or viſcera of the breaſt or
" belly."

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